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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application, and for the courtesies extended to the undersigned attorney during the telephonic interview of September 21, 2005. During the interview, the rejection of independent Claims 1, 14 and 25 based upon Bahl (U.S. Patent No. 6,629,151) in view of Li (U.S. Patent No. 6,654,363) was discussed. The undersigned attorney proposed amending these claims as set forth above, and argued that with these amendments the claims are patentably distinct over the prior art of record. The Examiner concurred, and stated that upon filing these amendments with an RCE the current rejections would be withdrawn. Support for the current amendments may be found in paragraph 0039 of the originally filed specification. No new matter is being added.

Applicant also notes that on the IDS 1449 form submitted on September 24, 2003, the Examiner did not consider the Non-Patent Literature references and stated that copies were not provided by Applicant. However, Applicant did submit copies of these references and the PAIR Image File Wrapper for this application indicates that each reference has been scanned and entered in the file. It is therefore requested that these references be considered by the Examiner and officially made of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP.

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CONCLUSIONS

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all of the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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